

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF GEOLOGY.

The Professor of Geology respectfully reports that, as in former years, he has delivered the usual course of spring lectures, accompanied by Saturday field excursions. It is gratifying to be again able to state that the interest in the study of geology, as evidenced by the attendance at the lectures and participation in the excursions, shows no diminution, but the reverse. In addition to the regular Academy course, a special course of six lectures, introductory to the study of rocks and minerals, was delivered under the auspices of the Ludwick Institute, the attendance at which was significantly large.

In his capacity of Professor of Geology, the undersigned was appointed by the Council and Academy to represent the institution at the Millennial Mining and Geological Congress held at Budapest, Hungary, on September 25th and 26th. A report of this mission has been presented to the Council. The report makes reference to a special journey in the north of Africa, where a superficial study was made of the rock formations of the Atlas Mountains, with particular reference to the determination of the existence of glacial phenomena such as had been alleged to be found there. No evidences of past glaciation could be detected. As a result of this journey, a fairly extensive and representative collection of fossils was obtained from the Atlas confines of the Sahara; these, when properly studied and determined, will be placed with the collections of the Academy.

The additions to the Academy's geological collection made during the year have been neither particularly large nor important, the most noteworthy, in the department of Paleontology, being the animal remains obtained from Port Kennedy, Pa., by Mr. H. C. Mercer.

Respectfully submitted,

ANGELO HEILPRIN,
Prof. of Geology.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF ETHNOLOGY AND
ARCHÆOLOGY.

I have the honor to report that, during the year 1896, I delivered a course of six lectures, public and gratuitous, on subjects connected with the study of anthropology. They were well attended and increased the general interest in this branch of science.

The ethnological collections of the Academy have been rearranged and labeled through the attention of the Curator, whose report will supply the information required on that subject.

I have the honor to remain,

DANIEL G. BRINTON,
Professor of Ethnology and Archæology.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR OF INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY.

The Professor of Invertebrate Zoology respectfully reports that during the past year he has delivered eight lectures, six on "The Action of the Environment Upon Animals," under the auspices of the Ludwick Institute, and two: "A Summer in Alaska and Siberia" and "Alaskan and Siberian Natives," in the Popular Friday Evening Course.

The additions to the Museum have been neither numerous nor important.

A course of ten lectures on "Invertebrate Zoology" will be delivered in January, February and March, in the Ludwick Institute Course, and, during the spring, a lecture on "The Sea and Its Influence on Animal Life," in the Popular Friday Evening Course.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. SHARP,
Professor of Invertebrate Zoology.

REPORT OF THE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOLLUSCA.

The Professor in the Department of Mollusca respectfully reports that during the year he delivered a course of five lectures upon the morphology of Mollusca and two upon "Economic Uses of Mollusca" and "Mollusks of the Atlantic Coast."

In the Museum considerable progress has been made in the revision of the land mollusks, and many additions to the collection have been received as noted in the report of the Conchological Section.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. PILSBRY,
Prof. of Malacology.